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Animal activists up in arms as 3 persons accused of beating stray 'let off by cops' after FIR, summons to police station

MAN BITES DOG

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A dog can become aggressive when it sees another for reasons such as dominance, territory, possessiveness, fear or anxiety and so on.

However, three brothers from Manjunatha Layout near Battarahalli expect no dog should disturb or fight with their dog. They attacked a stray dog that was adopted by their neighbour for biting their dog as BM found out. They also attacked the neighbour for objecting to them beating his adopted stray.

Based on the complaint by Gadigappa, KR Puram Police registered a first information report (FIR) under sections 324, 428, 429, 448, 504, 506, 34 of the Indian Penal Code 1860 and under section 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 against Rahul, Rajath, and Ranjith.

According to the complaint, the three accused persons entered his compound at 10:00 pm on October 3 with wooden logs and began beating his stray-cum-pet dog Achhu.

"It is true that Achhu went out at 10:00 am on October 3. I also came to know that Achhu had bitten their pet dog. I promised them not to let our dog out in future, but they did not listen to me; they began beating Achhu mercilessly with the logs. I objected to them but they beat and threatened me," said Gadigappa in the complaint to the police.

> **"They began beating Achhu mercilessly with logs. I objected but they beat and threatened me**
> – Gadigappa, complainant

It is said, the police summoned the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Shoppers, listen up!

Hi Life Exhibition, one of the most exciting and exclusive fashion exhibitions of India with exclusive designs of haute couture, personal style, home décor and luxury products, is back in the city. The top renowned designers from across India will be showcasing some of their best designer works of art, from wedding ensembles, designer apparels and jewellery to fashion accessories, home accessories to furnishing concepts to new-age art. **Where: The Lalit Ashok, Seshadripuram When: Oct 6 – 8, 10 am – 8 pm**

02 Nature x Art

"Invigorate through Nature" is a solo art show by artist Kayalvizhi Sethukarasu. She is an established Indian contemporary and abstract artist. Born in Madurai, brought up and educated in Pondicherry, currently resides in Bengaluru, and she is an ambitious individual determined to embrace her art with every aspect of village lifestyle and environment. **Where: Sublime Galleria, UB City When: Till Oct 6**

03 Frida and Diego

The Embassy of Mexico in India, in association with the National Institute of Fine Arts and Literature (INBAL) of Mexico and Museo Casa Estudio Diego Rivera y Frida Kahlo present a photographic exhibition titled 'Diego & Frida: Life Chronicles'. This exhibition is a collection of photographs of distinguished artists who were friends and colleagues of the couple, and depict important moments in the lives of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. They also reflect the pain and physical deterioration of Kahlo, her political activism, including the last photograph taken of her in a politic demonstration, days before her death in July 1954. **Where: gallery g; When: Till Oct 10**

Offer letters revoked, time, options run out

Forum of IT Professionals starts helpline to counsel engineering graduates pan India who have received revocation letters from top IT companies

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The revocation of offer letters to engineering students has snowballed into a national issue with Forum of IT Professionals (ForIT) now starting a helpline number to counsel such graduates. The forum has also decided to bring the issue to the notice of the Centre.

Praveen Chadrahas, General Secretary of the Forum said that so far, they have got information that more than 3,000 engineering graduates from Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune and Mumbai received revocation letters from their companies.

"This is a shocker for such grads because they were given offer letters six to seven months ago. As most of these offers were from top companies, they had blindly believed them and had not taken any other jobs. As the offer letters are legally binding, we are exploring legal options as well. We have started a 24x7 helpline for such graduates who have got revocation letters to reach us at 7673985813. We are now in the process of reaching out to the Union Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw," he said.

Fresh graduates are now in a state of anxiety over having no job in hand and want an immediate solution to the issue

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Hired but not on board: Anxiety hits IT graduates

Our October 3 story reported how the hiring process had been delayed for most of these freshers

Praveen also said that in the last few days, multiple reports stated that companies including Wipro, Infosys, Accenture and TechMahindra have revoked the offer letters that were earlier given to thousands of graduates. Many such cases are being reported on social media platforms. Until now, there has been no official response from these companies.

"Giving vague responses and revoking the offer letters is tantamount to destroying the future of the young engineers," added Praveen.

Meanwhile, Nascent Information Technology Employees Senate (NITES) said, "We have received complaints from employees of various IT companies regarding delays in on boarding. Unfortunately, the CEOs bragging about work ethics and transparency are left with no humanity," NITES asserted.

Companies play a good game about their beliefs and ethics on the surface, but in reality, it's just crony capitalism, one of the IT job aspirants alleged.

As reported by Bangalore Mirror earlier, NITES had also filed a complaint with the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment urging to initiate action against Wipro for delaying the boarding of more than 2,000 students. Wipro has stated that it will honour all offer letters.

Experts state that the trend is not new. They say since China is being hit post covid, India could be more resilient. The present trend could be the result of workability of pipeline projects. If pipeline projects are getting affected for various reasons, the companies will strategise their moves by holding new recruitments or withdrawing offers.

"The focus is on adapting to new technology, which is being focussed by all major tech companies. They are doing their best to prepare the work force for new challenges," an expert said. ***(with inputs from agencies)***

Her crowning moment that will empower women

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A city ophthalmologist who has been crowned as Mrs Karnataka 2022, is paving the way to empower many married women and help them realise their true potential.

Dr Meghana Reddy **(inset)**, who works as an ophthalmologist at a corporate private hospital in Bengaluru, said that she would try her best to use this platform to empower women and create awareness on the opportunities available for them.

"I will work for the betterment of women by creating awareness. There is a notion that married women should be confined to the kitchen but I want to change it. There are many opportunities available in society for the welfare and betterment of women. I want them to utilise those opportunities," said Dr Meghana.

She added that being an ophthalmologist, she has always been conscious about her fitness and lifestyle. "I want women to come out of their homes and showcase their talent. I am also concentrating to create awareness among women on menstrual health and mental health," she said, adding that her husband, a businessman, encouraged and supported her tremendously.

It began when Meghana came to know about the pageant through social media. "It was the first time I participated. I have to thank choreographer for his help and guidance. Now, my aim is to participate in Mrs South India and Mrs India competitions in future," she said with a smile.

The pageant was launched by Shine Shetty of Bigg Boss fame and Prachi Mishra of Femina Miss India.

Lina Savur, pageant coach & director, and founder & CEO of Lafenix and President of South India Garment Manufacturers Association Anurag Singla were present on the occasion. While Meghana was as the winner of Mrs Karnataka 2022, Bindi Ramesh was adjudged as the runner up and Nausheen Sharif got the third prize.

Over 70 women contestants participated in the Miss Karnataka pageant, 10 women were selected in the final round. "Our objective in organising pageants is to empower women. This pageant platform will enable them to know their potential. We also organise pageants for men too," said Lina Savur.

She said that women have made achievements in politics, literature, education and science and technology. "This platform will help them to enhance their achievements," she said.

Nip in air, courtesy cloudy skies

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For the next two days, Bengaluru may receive light to moderate rain

Bengaluru has been experiencing cold winds for the last few days and the Metrological Department has predicted that temperature during the day is likely to be below 30 degrees celsius for the next few days.

On Tuesday, the temperature was 27.5 degree C and for the next few days, it will be hover around 27-19°C.

According to meteorologists, Bengaluru is experiencing cold due to the cloudy skies. The districts around Bengaluru such as Kolar, Chikkaballapur and Bengaluru Rural are also likely to get light showers.

For the next two days, Bengaluru may receive light to moderate rain.

Meanwhile, a yellow alert has been issued in Chikkamagaluru, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Kodagu, Shivamogga, Chitradurga and Davangere districts of the state. Most districts in the state have been receiving heavy rains in the recent past, but the met department said rain will slow down in the regions of north Karnataka.

Maximum temperature too has dipped across the state. For example, Kalaburagi, which records one of the highest temperatures in the state (usually above 40°C during summers) had the highest temperature for the state as the north Karnataka city recorded 34.4°C while Bagalkot recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 18 degree C.

Can you handle hiss? Get a certificate, then rescue

Forest dept plans to make it compulsory for handlers to undergo certification programme to make snake rescues organised, safer

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Handlers would also be taught how to handle crowds that gather when snakes are seen

Snake handlers in Bengaluru and across Karnataka may soon have to undergo mandatory training in scientific handling of snakes before they embark on a rescue mission. The Karnataka Forest department has come up with a draft operational manual for the effective mitigation of human-snake conflict by institutionalising the process and making it compulsory for the handlers to seek a certificate from the department.

As per the manual, anyone interested in snake rescue will have to undergo a periodic certification programme at institutes notified by the department.

"The certification programme will be launched soon. It is an endeavour of the department to make the snake-rescue process safer and organised. We want to have a system in place where all the volunteers and rescuers are trained in the process. Those who claim to have the expertise will be tested and certified. Even the BBMP-certified rescuers will have to get the certificate," said Kumar Pushkar, APCCF (wildlife), Karnataka Forest Department.

Moreover, any individual or organisation found to be rescuing snakes without completing the certification and assessment will be deemed to violate sections 9 and 12 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and suitable action will be taken against them.

> **"We want to have a system to train all volunteers and rescuers in the process**
>
> – Kumar Pushkar, APCCF, KFD

According to the department, the idea is to provide standard operating procedures to guide a rescuer in managing a conflict situation and also to build a system of accountability to regulate snake rescue across the state.

"As per the law, the department has to be contacted in case of any human-snake conflict situation and rescue. Many times, we have witnessed underage volunteers conducting the rescue process. This can be dangerous to both the animal as well as the rescuers. Moreover, since the process is unregulated, we have not been able to document the snakes that are being captured and released across the state," added Pushkar.

The periodic certification programmes will be conducted in forest training institutes or academies as notified by the department soon. The handlers will have to undergo the certification and assessment programme every two years. The programme will span a duration of four to five days and cover topics such as crowd management, understanding snake conflict, humane snake handling practices, snakebite management and understanding snake biology and ecology, to mention a few.

Upon successful completion of the programme, the department will issue time-bound and division-bound permission to the rescuer.

Rescuers that are found not following any of the practices outlined in the document will be subjected to stringent action under relevant sections of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and their certificate will be revoked. Once this happens, they will not be eligible to undergo the certification for one year.

"Release points of the snakes are also of utmost importance. These animals should be released at the closest point to the rescue spot. If they are let out far away from the place, they die due to lack of food and other threats. The certification programme will ensure that the rescuers are updated on such aspects," said the official.

All certified rescuers will also be required to submit a monthly report of their rescues to the jurisdictional deputy conservator of forests.

Both excise duty and GST can be imposed on tobacco: HC

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that the Union government is entitled to levy Central GST (CGST) as well as excise duty on tobacco and tobacco-derived products.

It dismissed a bunch of petitions by tobacco manufacturers who had challenged the same.

"The levy of excise duty on tobacco and tobacco products is a matter of public policy and this court in exercise of writ jurisdiction would not interfere with the same. The CGST itself contemplates levy of excise duty upon tobacco and tobacco products apart from they being taxed under the provisions of CGST," Justice M I Arun said in the recent judgment.

The Dharwad bench of the HC heard petitions by Ghodawat Packers LLP, H I Tamboli and Sons, Rajnandini Foods Pvt Ltd, Balajee Pouches, Ghodawat Foods International Limited and Ghodawat Industries India Private Limited, against the Ministry of Finance, Union of India and Joint Commissioner of CGST and Central Excise.

> **Levy of excise duty on tobacco and tobacco products is a matter of public policy, says court**

The Joint Commissioner on March 25, 2021 issued an order imposing excise duty and National Calamity Contingent Duty (NCCD) on tobacco products manufactured and sold in the Belagavi jurisdiction. Before the Central Goods and Services (GST) Act, 2017, tobacco products were taxed under Central Excise Act read with Central Excise Tariff Act. The Central Excise Act was repealed except for goods included in Union List of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. The Central Excise Tariff Act was also repealed.

The HC said that though the Excise Act was repealed, tobacco and tobacco products were added to the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution under Entry 84. "Thus, apart from levy of taxes under the provisions of CGST Act, 2017, excise duty can be levied on tobacco and tobacco products under the Central Excise Act, 1944." As for the NCCD, the HC noted that Section 136 of the Finance Act, 2001 contemplates levy of such a duty. "NCCD is a surcharge and a type of excise duty that can be levied independently of the excise duty as contemplated under the provisions of Fourth Schedule to the Central Excise Act, 1944," the HC said. —PTI

Water body politic: What's flowing in?

Locals near Doddakallasandra Lake complain of sewage entry, official negligence

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Residents staying near Doddakallasandra Lake are complaining about sewage entering the water body. They say that despite several complaints to authorities, no action has been taken yet.

The lake has two streams, and the northern one is connected to a labour colony. The stream is reportedly receiving dirty water from the colony and transporting it to the lake.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, who works with ActionAid India, said, "Any stream bringing rainwater in an urban space is a boon for a lake ecosystem, but this stream is a bane as it is threatening lake ecology. We expect the pollution control board to investigate and arrest the pollution. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department should understand every lake's vulnerable points for pollution and monitor those regularly." He added that the civic body must act swiftly when locals raise complaints.

Residents pointed out that their complaints to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) were falling on deaf ears.

Rajesh K, a resident of the area, said, "If we file a complaint, the authorities come almost four or five weeks later. The stream may stop flowing at the time of their visit, and the problem cannot not be noticed like this."

The northern stream of this lake is connected to a labour colony

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Another resident, Soundararajan, said that the sewage inflow was taking place from the northern side of the lake. "The water is coming from the labour colony where there is a septic tank, and the dirty water from there is entering the lake directly. There is a wetland in the area as well, but the sewage is not entering there. People are coming and seeing the area and going away, but not taking any action. We also suggested that the sewage be diverted to a newly constructed canal, but no heed was paid to that either," he said.

A KSPCB official said that they could take action only if the sewage was coming from industries or residential buildings that are large and have more than 50 units.

A BBMP official said, "The sewage is going through the diversion drain and not entering directly into the lake."

Pitfalls on Tin Factory flyover

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Commuters have been complaining about potholes at the Tin Factory flyover. They say that they are especially risky for two-wheeler riders.

The strategic flyover connects to several areas like Old Madras Road, Magadi Road, Indiranagar, KR Puram, Mahadevpura, Marathahalli, and Whitefield.

Siva Kumar DM, a resident of Hoskote, said, " I have been traveling from Hoskote to Indiranagar for the past seven years. Lately, I have been using the Tin factory flyover, and it has many potholes. It is risky for two-wheeler riders, especially at night when we cannot see these potholes. There are cars ahead of us as well, and this can lead to many accidents. This flyover needs special assistance and all the potholes need to be fixed."

Potholes on this flyover are a hazard for two-wheeler riders

Siva is a Tech Manager in Mapmyindia, and along with other citizens, he has been mapping potholes and other bad roads on the Mappls app run by the company. The map helps people with voice-guided directions to their destination, provides live traffic updates, and easy routes.

He said that one can use the map and navigate safely by avoiding potholes.

"Potholes need to be fixed for a safe commute. We can't have bad roads. The civic body should ensure that citizens are provided with basic amenities," he added.

Abdul Aleem, president of KARAMoC, said that crores were being spent on roads, and they should at least be made safe for people.

Another resident, Vinay, said, "It is tough to avoid the potholes in flyovers as vehicles move back-to-back. The High Court has ordered BBMP to fix potholes many times, but they have failed to do so. We have seen people losing their lives because of potholes. Many other flyovers, like the Agara and ORR ones, are also in a similar state."

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Maruthi Sevanagar

Footpaths have been blocked at Maruthi Sevanagar opposite Ayyappa temple and Bata Showroom.

Bidding adieu to bike ambulances

From lack of manpower to shortage of funds, bike ambulances turned out to be an unsustainable project

Bike ambulances were rolled out with much fanfare in 2015 (file)

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Bike ambulances which were launched in Bengaluru eight years ago with much fanfare have stopped now and will soon be officially called off the roads.

Most of the bikes which were repurposed as a two-wheeler ambulance have become unfit for riding and the department concerned doesn't want to spend any more money on repairing these bikes.

The Karnataka government had launched the two-wheeler ambulance service as part of the 'Platinum 10 Minutes' trauma care in April 2015 to reduce number of deaths due to road accidents. The ambitious bike ambulance project was started in full swing in the state with 30 bike ambulances.

These bikes were equipped with medical kits, necessary life-saving medicines and equipment like oxygen cylinder, pulse oximeter and glucometer. It was believed that as the regular four-wheeled ambulances would find tough time to reach the congested places, the bike ambulances will be an easier option. During the launch, it was announced that these bike ambulances would be available in Bengaluru, Mysuru and Hubballi-Dharwad and later extended to the major district headquarters.

Currently, only seven to eight bike ambulances are functional. In Bengaluru, there were 19 bike ambulances and less than six bike ambulances are functional. The authorities claim that so far these bike ambulances have served more than 10,000 patients within the radius of seven kilometres.

The bike ambulances are struggling to make ends meet because of the lack of manpower and shortage of funds. It is said that no new drivers have been recruited for a long time. Many bike drivers complained that they were not paid salaries. In fact, Karnataka was the first state to implement bike ambulances and this was considered to be the then health minister UT Khader's pet project.

An official said, "We have not received the expected response for the bike ambulance as most of them preferred to use the regular 108 ambulance. Secondly, we realised that it was not an easy job for the patients to travel in bikes when they are sick."

Bike ambulance riders are paramedics with a degree in nursing. They were trained for about 30 to 45 days in administering first-aid and on riding bikes.

Problems began from Day One. When the bike ambulance service began, there were 10 drivers. After a few days, two drivers left and then the exodus continued. Due to the shortage of manpower, the bike ambulances were not able to take up cases. Most of the bikes are now lying idle.

FIR lodged against cine star Sreeleela's mother

The Karnataka police have registered an FIR against the mother of popular Telugu and Kannada film actress Sreeleela in Bengaluru, police said on Wednesday.

Subhakar Rao, Sreeleela's father, had lodged a complaint against his wife Swarnalatha at Audugodi police station.

According to police, the divorce petition between the parents of actress Sreeleela is in court. The couple has been living separately for 20 years.

Subhakar Rao had alleged that Swarnalatha had entered his apartment located in Koramangala illegally by breaking open the lock on October 3.

Several weeks ago, Anekal Police had lodged a case against Swarnalatha in connection with the controversy of Alliance University (21 people had allegedly barged into the campus and threatened the registrar with lethal weapons).

She had been named as the second accused in the case and is presently out on bail. **(with inputs from IANS)**

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Fighting tuberculosis by adopting patients

28,494 adopted in state under scheme that allows people to take care of TB patients

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With an aim to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025, five years ahead of the global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of 2030, the Health and Family Welfare Department is carrying out various measures to eliminate the disease.

In one of the noble initiatives of adopting a tuberculosis patient, in Karnataka over 28,494 patients have been adopted.

The programme was under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, wherein tuberculosis patients can be adopted and cared for by an individual, elected representatives, institutions, NGOs, and corporates through Ni-kshay 2.0 portal.

While the state has reported over 1,866 Nikshay Mitras (the TB patient caretakers) who have registered for the cause. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare (HFW) Department, Randeep D too adopted a TB patient from Bengaluru Urban district.

The Nikshay Mitras should provide nutritional support, diagnostic, vocational and additional nutritional support. Under the nutritional support for TB patients, cereals, pulses, cooking oil, milk powder or milk will be provided for adults and children. The cost will vary between Rs 700-800 per month.

The duration of the support varies from six months to three years.

Randeep D told Bangalore Mirror, "The patient has drug resistance TB, and by providing the right nutrition, it will help in fighting the disease better. I'm covering the diet expenses for the first two months and if needed will extend it. Through my adoption, I have taken a step to create awareness among people. More people should come forward and adopt the TB patients."

While in terms of drugs, presently all TB patients are given free drugs and diagnostics under the Nikshay Poshan Yojana programme.

Currently, Karnataka stands at the tenth position among the larger states (21 states) in the above 50 lakh population category for 2021 in terms of TB disease.

Dr Ansar Ahmed, Deputy Director of State's TB control programme said, "Karnataka NTEP was doing good, but because of the pandemic in last two years, health system derailed the focus. However, in the current year, we improved the identification of missed TB cases with an increase in Presumptive tests. We need to reduce our incidence by 80% for 2025 in comparison with the 2015 baseline. That is 44 lakh per year by 2025, currently, we are at 135 lakh per year."

In terms of TB deaths, there have 2,929 until August end. The state had reported 5,862 deaths in 2021, and 5,269 deaths in 2020. In 2019, over 6,197 deaths were reported and in 2018 there were 5,246 deaths.

Dr Ahmed said, "In order to avert TB death, Karnataka is doing biannual active case finding activity, to address the early diagnosis of TB. This apart, death audit to Identify the cause of death, thereby strategies will be made to prevent further deaths. And triaging and risk assessment of all diagnosed TB patients. We are also conducting TB and Comorbidity Linkage activities."

City bids adieu to Goddess Durga

Devotees were out in large numbers at Ulsoor Lake on Wednesday as it was time to immerse goddess Durga's idols

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Where do we play?

In some areas of city, grounds encroached, at others poorly maintained

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Due to lack of proper playgrounds, children play on the roads which can be dangerous

Residents of the city are complaining about the lack of accessibility and maintenance of playgrounds for their children. Most of them are either being encroached on or are not well maintained.

An example of such a playground is the Girinagar playground.

The residents staying nearby said that in 2019 the ground was taken over by the government to build a police station. However, the issue is still being discussed in court.

The playground, however, is locked. The ground, which was once filled with the footsteps of toddlers has become the breeding ground for weeds.

Ranjith K, a resident, said, "We had no idea that plans were going on for shutting down the playground. One fine day we just saw that the park was covered with fences and the children were no longer allowed to play in the park. If any such thing was planned, then the government should have at least built a new playground or kept it open till the construction started. Ultimately it is the kids that are suffering because they do not have places to play anymore."

The residents say the children play are forced to play on the road which is not safe.

The residents staying in Puttenahalli, JP Nagar also face a similar issue. They informed Bangalore Mirror that the playground was encroached on to build a temple.

Roshni Jadhav, a resident, said, "I come with my kids to the playground, and it is sad to see the poor condition of the park because the playing area for children is not being utilized. For small children, it is very important to have a good play area, where they can get together with their friends. But the one present here is not maintained at all."

The residents of Malleswaram are also upset because of the poor maintenance of the park in their area.

They said that their children would often come back with injuries after playing in the park. "The park is in very poor condition. The swings and other equipment in the park are rusted because they were left open during the rains.

They are still like that and have not even been changed. I have seen so many times that my come back home with scratches after playing in the rusted and broken swings in the park," a resident said.

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official said that the Palike will have to inspect the issue.

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1 man drowns, 5 others saved in Malpe

One person drowned while five others were rescued by lifeguards in separate incidents at Malpe beach in Karnataka's coastal Udupi district, police said on Wednesday.

Two youths, Salam Cherry from Bengaluru and Abrar from Mysuru, went missing after they were pulled into the sea by strong waves on Tuesday. Lifeguards, who immediately rushed for rescue, saved both of them.

Both men were admitted to KMC hospital in Manipal. However, Abrar breathed his last without responding to treatment, police said.

In another case, Toshib from Mysuru attempted suicide, but alert lifeguards succeeded in saving him.

Senthil from Salem in Tamil Nadu, Basaraju from Bijapur, Namaz and Soham Gosh from Bengaluru also went missing after getting caught in the high waves. All four men were rescued by the lifeguards.

Malpe police have registered cases and an investigation is in progress. – PTI

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As the Dasara festivities come to an end Bangalore Mirror thanks all the readers for participating in the event.

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The festivities became a lot more colourful as the pictures sent by the citizens adorned the paper.

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Stray beaten 'for biting pet'

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accused to the police station but let them go without any punishment. Animal activists are now up in arms against the police for not acting tough against the accused. "I do not know why the police let the accused go home without punishment. The FIR is registered under the sections punishable for the crime but they let the accused go. The accused deserve to be admitted to NIMHANS for treatment," said Bengaluru Urban district SPCA member Arun Prasad.

SPCA member Harish KB condemned the attack. He said the accused must be punished as per the law. "The attack indicates the accused persons' mental status. I am against people who attack stray dogs," said Harish.

The Karnataka Animal Welfare Board (KAWB) on September 23 had expressed concern over the cases of harassment and cruelty to animals reported from Belagavi, Ballari and Vijayapura. The KAWB stated that infliction of pain/suffering to animals is an offence as per the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 under section 11. It is punishable with imprisonment and a penalty under sections 428 and 429 of the Indian Penal Code. It also stated that stray dogs cannot be beaten, driven away, dumped elsewhere or killed. Rashmi D'Souza, member of Karnataka Animal Welfare Board, reiterated that the accused should not be let off without punishment. "The accused in question not only beat the stray dog but also attacked its owner. If police let them go without punishment, they can do anything to anyone in future," said D'Souza.

Meanwhile, the deputy commissioner of police (Whitefield) told BM that all procedures were followed in arresting the accused as per norms. "We did not produce the accused before the honourable magistrate since it is a station bail case," said the deputy commissioner.

5L+ witness Mysuru's Dasara gala

Iconic Jamboo Savari brings to close festivities being held on such a big scale after 2-year gap

Crowd of devotees during the Dasara procession in Mysuru on Wednesday

Curtains came down on the 10-day long world renowned Dasara celebrations in this palace city on Wednesday, with a spectacular procession marking the grand finale.

Celebrated as 'Nada Habba' (state festival), the Dasara or 'Sharan Navaratri' festivities was a grand affair this year, depicting Karnataka's rich culture and traditions. The authorities claimed that about five lakh people witnessed the 'Jamboo Savari' (elephant procession) and other festivities.

The 'Jambu Savari', a march of a dozen caparisoned elephants, was led by 'Abhimanyu' carrying the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, the presiding deity of Mysuru royals, on a 750 kg howdah or "Ambari" with gold.

The grand procession began with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai offering pooja to the 'Nandi Dhwaja' (Nandi Flag) from the imposing Amba Vilas Palace premises, at the auspicious Makara Lagna between 2.36 pm to 2.50 pm.

The procession also consisted of number of artists' or cultural groups and tableaux from various districts, depicting its regional culture and heritage, covering a distance of about five km before ending at Bannimantapa. Tableaux from various government departments, depicting various schemes or programmes and social message, were also part of the procession, as people had lined up along the procession route, hours before it started.

For the last two years, the procession was restricted to the Amba Vilas Palace premises, due to covid.

After offering pooja to Nandi Dhwaja, Bommai greeted the people on the occasion of Vijayadashami, and said he has prayed to the goddess for the prosperity of the state and welfare of its people.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, "this year's Dasara had been grand, lakhs of people have taken part in the festivities, all the events and programmes during the last nine days have been successful, and it has been celebrated as Nada Habba in a true sense."

He complimented the district administration, officials and people of Mysuru for the "grand success" .

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Sonia Gandhi offers Dasara prayers

Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi, who is in Karnataka to participate in Bharat Jodo Yatra, on Wednesday visited Bheemanakolli Temple in Begur village to offer Dasara prayers.

The Congress chief was accompanied by village panchayat members and local Congress leaders.

Rahul Gandhi is currently leading Bharat Jodo Yatra, the 3,500-km march from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, covering as many as 12 states.

The Yatra which entered its Karnataka leg on September 30 via Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district, reached Mysuru on Monday. Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi is scheduled to join the yatra on October 6. — ANI

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DEFEATING CANCER

Five things to do in your 20s and 30s to reduce your risk of preventable cancer

Most of us don't think about cancer when we're in our 20s and 30s. But recent research has shown that people born after 1990 are more likely to develop cancer before the age of 50 than any other generation before.

While there are some things we can't change when it comes to cancer – such as certain genes we've inherited – up to half of all cancers are preventable.

This means the lifestyle choices we make early in life can have a big effect on our risk of developing cancer later on. Here are a few of the most important lifestyle changes you can make now to slash your risk of cancer.

Don't smoke

Not only is smoking the leading cause of lung cancer each year, it's also associated with 14 other types of cancer, including mouth and throat cancer.

While young people are less likely to smoke these days, partly thanks to the popularity of vaping, research still shows that nine out of 10 people who regularly smoke start before the age of 25. If you want to significantly reduce your risk of many types of cancer, don't smoke – or quit if you do.

While vaping is certainly less harmful than smoking, its long-term effects have not yet been studied. For this reason, Cancer Research UK recommends you should only use e-cigarettes to help you quit smoking.

The effects of smoking cannabis on cancer risk also aren't well known, though there is some evidence of a small link between cannabis use and increased risk of testicular cancer.

Until more research is done, it may be best to avoid both of these as well.

Practice safe sex

HPV (human papillomavirus) – which causes genital warts – is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the world. It can also cause a range of cancers – including cancer of the cervix, penis, mouth and throat.

HPV-associated cancers are particularly common in young people. In the UK alone, cervical cancer is most commonly diagnosed in women aged 30-34.

It's also thought that increasing rates of HPV may explain the recent surge in oral cancers in young men.

Being vaccinated against HPV and practising safe sex will protect you against infection from the virus. For women, cervical screening (a "smear test") is also important, as it can detect the presence of an HPV infection before it has a chance to cause cancer. As such, women between 25 and 64 should aim to be screened regularly every five years.

Maintain a healthy weight

Being over weight or obese has been linked to an increased risk of 13 different cancers, including bowel, breast, uterus and pancreas.

Excess fat leads to inflammation in the body which promotes the growth of tumours and helps cancer cells divide.

Fat cells also produce the hormone oestrogen, which can stimulate the growth of tumours in the breast and womb.

For this reason, the increased risk of cancer is more pronounced in women. Cancers associated with being overweight or obese are becoming more common, particularly in younger adults.

Not only that, but poor diet alone can also contribute to greater cancer risk. For example, eating too much red and processed meats has been linked to an increased chance of developing bowel cancer.

On the flip side, a growing body of evidence suggests that eating a healthy, balanced diet containing fibre and a variety of fruits and vegetables actually reduces the risk of several different types of cancer.

Eating the right diet and trying to maintain a healthy weight can both be great ways to lower your risk of many different types of cancer later in life.

Drink less

Alcohol is well known to increase risk of developing several cancers, including liver, breast and oesophagus. Although it's the case that the more you drink, the greater the risk, it's also thought that even moderate drinking contributes 100,000 cases to the annual worldwide burden of cancer.

Although the effects of binge drinking haven't been studied much, one study suggests moderate drinkers who regularly binge drink are up to 50 per cent more likely to develop breast cancer.

Smoking while drinking alcohol can also enhance the cancer-causing effects of smoking.

Cutting down the amount you drink – or eliminating it entirely – will help decrease your risk of developing cancer.

The NHS recommends that you drink no more than 14 units of alcohol a week (approximately 6 pints or 10 small glasses of wine) and that you aim to have several days without a drink each week.

Wear sunscreen

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers diagnosed in the under-40s. It's also become more common over the past few decades.

The primary cause of skin cancer is ultraviolet radiation – either from the sun or tanning beds. Since the effects of UV radiation are cumulative, the areas of our skin most often exposed to the sun (such as our face) are most likely to develop skin cancer.

On top of these cumulative effects, a bad sunburn when you're young can specifically increase your risk of developing the most dangerous form of skin cancer.

You can protect yourself from skin cancer by using sun protection whenever you're out in the intense sun. This includes wearing hats, covering up with long clothes and applying a sunscreen of at least SPF 15, bearing in mind that no sunscreen offers 100 per cent protection.

This is particularly important for people who are at increased risk of skin cancer, such as those with fair skin and a tendency to freckle.

The best ways to reduce your risk of many types of cancer are also linked with better health in general.

Other ways that you can improve your overall health and fitness while protecting against cancer include being physically active and avoiding air pollution.

By Sarah Allinson, Lancaster University, The Conversation

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man aged 36, I'm separated from my long-term partner and we have a four-year-old son together. Recently, I've fallen for a woman who's much younger - 19 to be exact. We have been seeing each other a bit. We've kissed, but nothing else has happened yet. I like her a lot - she's very mature and we have a lot in common - but I'm struggling a bit with the age thing. When my ex found out, she hit the roof and called me all kinds of (untrue and unfair) names. She thinks it's disgusting that someone of my age is interested in a teenager. I've asked my friends what they think and, unsurprisingly, their attitude is different. They don't see it as a problem, other than she might get bored with an older bloke like me. I'm attracted to her physically, but there is more to it - we get on and it feels natural when we're together. What do you think?

COLEEN SAYS

Look, you can't predict the future – you might really click and end up spending the rest of your lives together or it might fizzle out in a few months. An age gap like this isn't that common, but if you're having a good time together, then stop worrying about the future and whether it's going to work out or not. Maybe when this relationship is more out in the open, you'll realise she is too young, but I wouldn't be put off by other people's opinions. Live for the now and stop trying to make decisions based on what may happen in the future. As for your ex, the only thing you need to be in contact about is your child – she doesn't have a say in your personal life. She's made you feel a bit stupid and seedy, but she might have an axe to grind or feel a bit jealous. Even if you moved on amicably, you've moved on with someone else – and that can lead to hurt pride.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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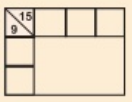
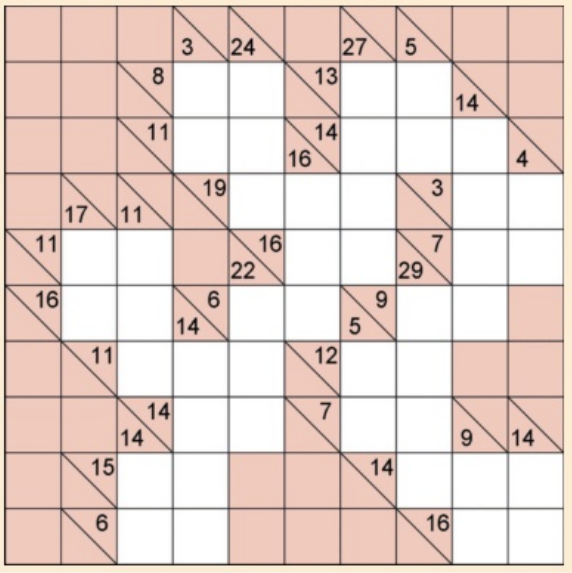
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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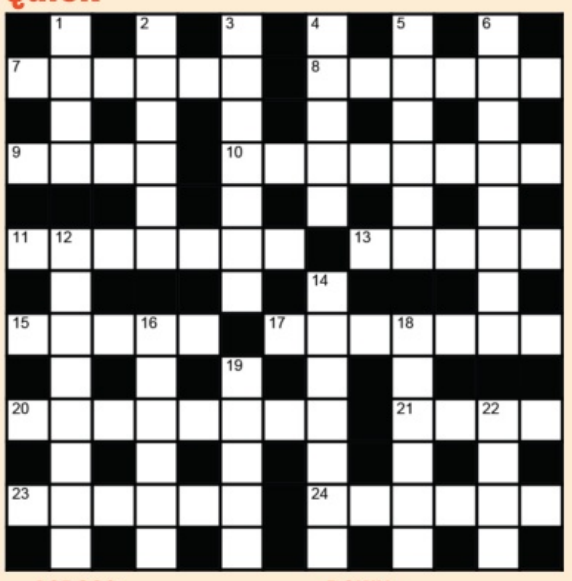


ACROSS

7 As ___ as silk? (6)
8 Moment of danger (6)
9 Platter (4)
10 Wraiths (8)
11 Imprecise (7)
13 Acknowledge (5)
15 Summon up (5)
17 Took a shot in the dark (7)
20 Mimicked (8)
21 Light melodies (4)
23 Discover (6)
24 Skin inflammation (6)

DOWN

1 Prefix for ever present (4)
2 Tailbone (6)
3 Einstein's speciality (7)
4 Performed (5)
5 Raised or elevated (6)
6 Supply route (4-4)
12 Karnataka Rajyotsava is celebrated on the 1st of ____ (8)
14 Congeals or coagulates especially milk (7)
16 Young one of a cat (6)
18 A section of a poem (6)
19 Declare (5)
22 Play boisterously (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS G

UQDCGL ATMMHAZCTMV JHSH QGJQLV JTSZO RSHVHSKCMB, BTTX ATDRQML QGJQLV JTSZO VHHYCMB.

Linemaro

Just being around you makes me happy

Mindchow

Life's like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving

Joke of the day

An invisible man and an invisible woman got married. You won't be surprised to hear that the kids were nothing to look at either

Loop

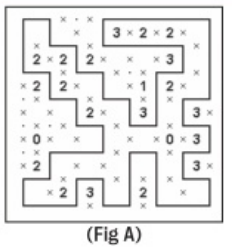
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

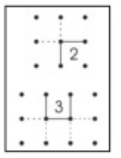
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

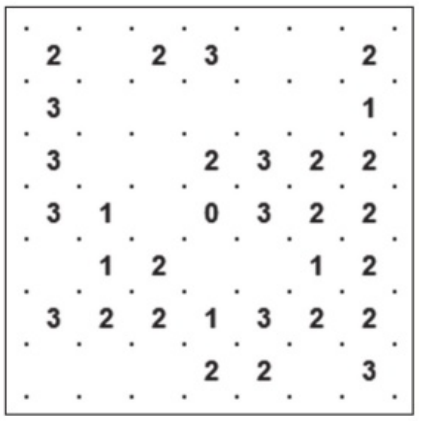
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



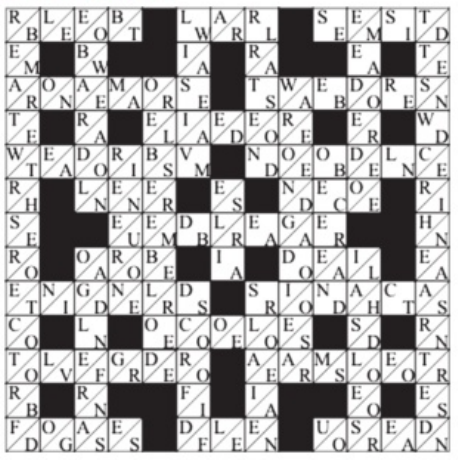
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



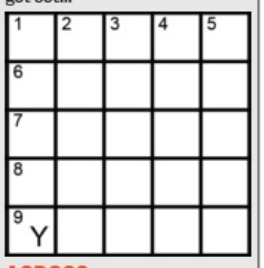
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

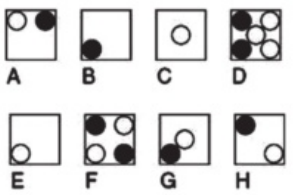
1 Car PH; 6 Ale be;
7 Lansa; 8 Camps;
9 Waspy

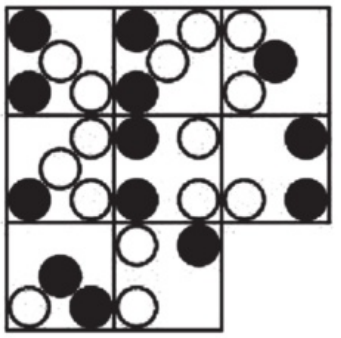
DOWN

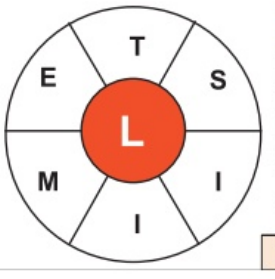
1 An spy; 2 Caaba;
3 Wears; 4 LP Mac;
5 Shlep

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing tile?







Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; 16 Good; 18 Outstanding

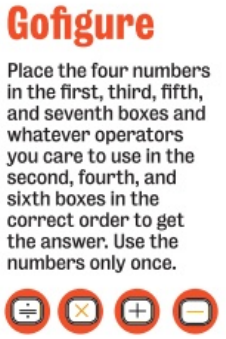
SudokuChallenge

			7		5			
	3	4		1		2	7	
	2		3		9		6	
5		9				3		1
			1		4			
6		7				8		4
	9		4		8		3	
	7	2		5		4	8	
			2		3			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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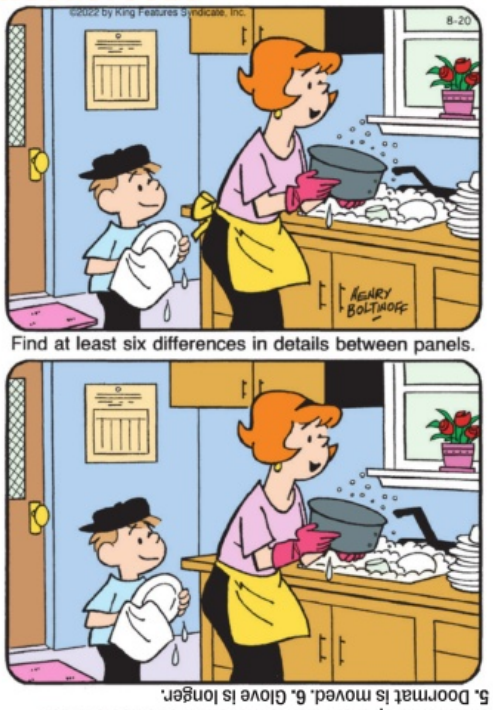


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

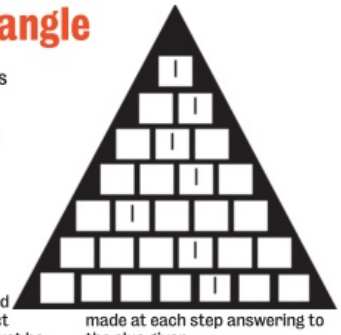
Differences: 1. Apron bow is missing. 2. Faucet is different. 3. Water drop from dish is moved. 4. Cabinet is wider. 5. Doormat is moved. 6. Glove is longer.

Riddler

I break, she falls. I break, she falls. Who am I, and who is she?

Alpha triangle

1 Third vowel
2 Computer smarts
3 Red Cross forte
4 Hotel employee
5 Faced the target
6 Look up to
7 Tied the knot



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

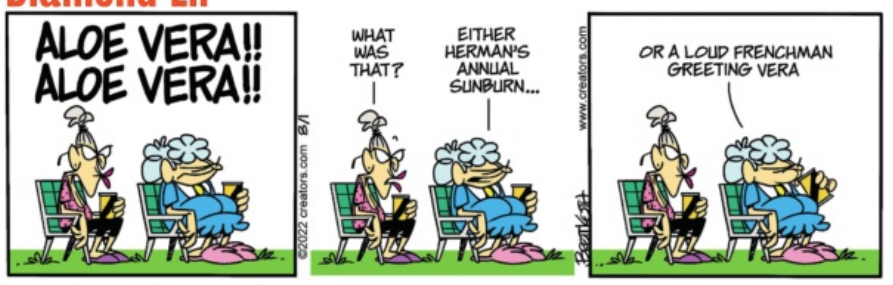
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

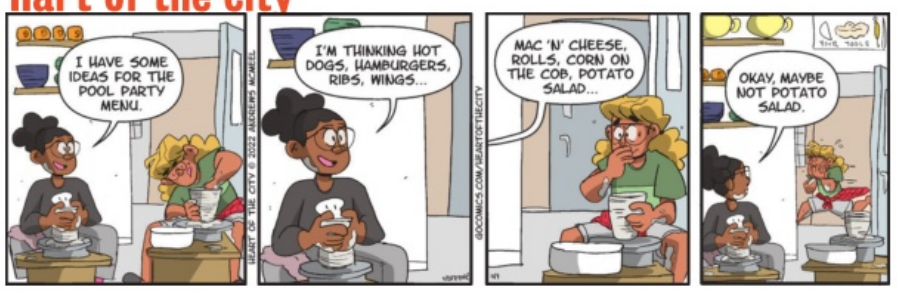
Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

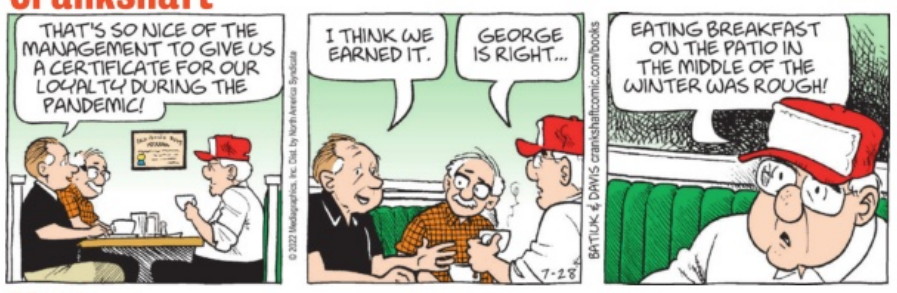
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city


I HAVE SOME IDEAS FOR THE POOL PARTY MENU.
I'M THINKING HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, RIBS, WINGS...
MAC 'N' CHEESE, ROLLS, CORN ON THE COB, POTATO SALAD...
OKAY, MAYBE NOT POTATO SALAD.

Crankshaft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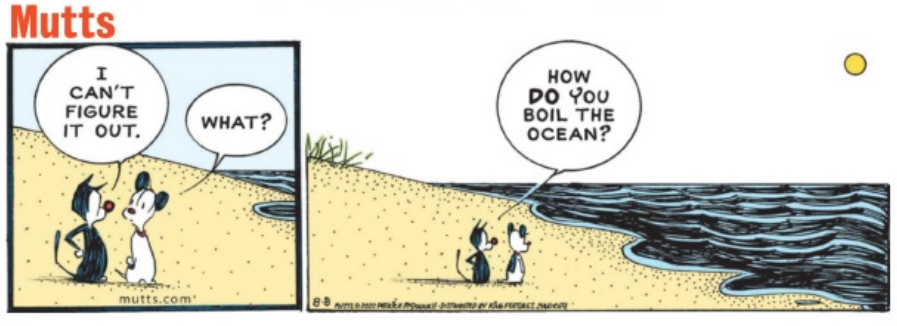
I THINK WE EARNED IT.
GEORGE IS RIGHT...
EATING BREAKFAST ON THE PATIO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WINTER WAS ROUGH!

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be busy at work. Your wisdom may help you make the right decisions. You are likely to get a big order, which may expand your work. You may utilise your creativity to renovate your home or office, which may improve your social status. You may invest in some creative assets too.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, messy situations are under control. You may be able to come out of the past days' worries. You may work with patience. You may plan for an outing. Students will have good focus towards their goals. Singles may find their love with the help of friends or relatives.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel unhappy. You may be impatient. You may also be a victim of mood swings, which may reflect into your domestic harmony. You are advised to avoid arrogance at work, otherwise you may create hidden enemies around you. You are advised to avoid rash driving.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be happy. You may spread happiness all around you and feel harmony in your personal life. You may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you to make some important decisions. You may also make some important decisions on the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in business.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, the positive moon can make you happy. You may use your patience at work. Your performance may be good in the job, and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues of family members will be resolved now. Job aspirants are likely to get good work. Lovebirds may enjoy their quality time.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may help needy people. It may improve your reputation in society. You might implement innovation into your work, which may boost your business. Positive results can make you happy. Lovebirds may plan for outings or adventure tours.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be dissatisfied. You may see some sort of detachment from your responsibilities, which can make you confused. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical in your work to complete it on time. You should also take care of your parents. It is advised to postpone migration plans for some days.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be enthusiastic. You may be more focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your siblings may help you to start a new project, which may give you profits in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to family issues. Jobseekers may hear good news in terms of new work.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, which may increase your financial health. You may be more creative today. You may use your creativity to decorate your office or home, which may enhance your social status. Lovebirds are likely to get some support from their family members to maintain their relationship status. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may give you peace of mind. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner sense may be calm and cool, which will help you balance everything. You may enjoy every moment at work and in your domestic life. Some new sources of income may be opened, which will help you boost your savings.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may feel dull today. You may face some old health issues. You are likely to be a victim of tiredness, which could make you arrogant. Your arrogance may affect your domestic harmony. Your profits may convert to losses. You are advised to think twice before doing any type of financial transaction.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel inner strength. Your losses may convert to profit, which may increase your business growth and liquidity. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to make some difficult decisions in business. Your performance at work may be praised by your seniors.

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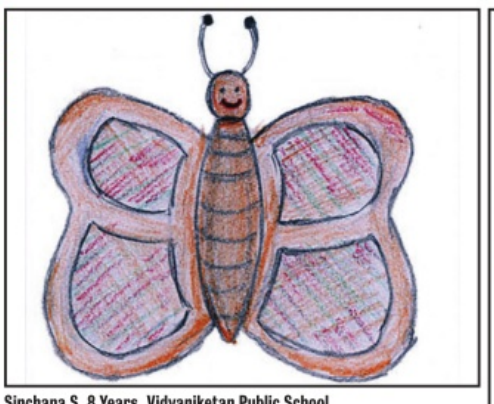

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SOLUTIONS

BULL'S EYE
ELITISM, isle, islet, lest, lime, limit, list, melt, mile, slit, smile, slim, slime, slit, smelt, smile, stile, tile

SOLVE IN 1M
$6^{-}(4-1) + 225 - 720 + 256 =$
$6^{3} + 225 - 720 + 256 =$
$441 - 720 + 256 =$
$216 + 225 - 720 + 256 =$
$-279 + 256 = -23$

QUOTE UNCODE
Family connections were always worth preserving, good company always worth seeking.

FAST FIVE

P	A	R	C	H
A	B	E	L	E
N	A	S	A	L
S	C	A	M	P
Y	A	W	P	S

STRIKE OUT

B	L	O	B	W	A	R	E	M	I	T				
E	B	A	A	A	E									
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QUICK

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O	C	P	A	L	P									

RIDDLER
I am day, and she is night.

MENSA PUZZLE
8: looking across and down, only dots that appear in the same position in the first two squares are carried forward to the third square; however, they then change from black to white and vice versa.

SUDOKU

8	6	1	7	2	5	9	4	3
9	3	4	8	1	6	2	7	5
7	2	5	3	4	9	1	6	8
5	4	9	6	8	7	3	2	1
2	8	3	1	9	4	6	5	7
6	1	7	5	3	2	8	9	4
1	9	6	4	7	8	5	3	2
3	7	2	9	5	1	4	8	6
4	5	8	2	6	3	7	1	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, Ai, Aid, Maid, Aimed, Admire, Married.

GO FIGURE
Easy
$2 + 4 + 5 + 8 = 19$
Medium
$5 + 4 + 3 + 1 = 13$
Hard
$9 \times 3 + 2 + 6 = 35$

LOOP

KAKURO

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